

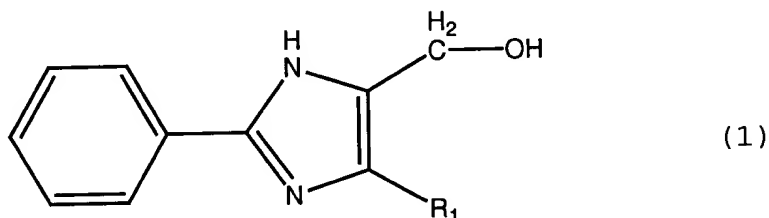
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims are amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A printed wiring board comprising: a substrate having a conductor layer; and a throughhole penetrating through the substrate filled with a cured throughhole-filling material,

said cured throughhole-filling material comprising, in admixture, a cured paste of an epoxy resin, a curing agent and a metal filler; the metal filler is a powder which comprises a base metal; and the curing agent is an imidazolic compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a hydroxyalkyl group containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms and an alkyloxy group containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms.